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Hezekiah Chaffee House
Windsor, Connecticut

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PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
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HEZEKIAH CHAFFEE HOUSE
WINDSOR, HARTFORD COUNTY, CONN.

Owner: Mrs. Charles H. Wilcox, Windsor

Date of Erection: 1760-70

Architect or Builder: Not known

Present Condition: Good. Additions to south and east wings.
Modern improvements in 1912

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Brick
Central chimney laid in clay
Foundations rough field stone
Shingled roof - gambrel

Other Existing Records: Colonial Dames Series "Old Houses
of Connecticut"

List of Photographs:

1. Southwest Elevation
2. Southeast Elevation
3. Detail of Stairs through Front Entrance
4. North Wall of Sitting Room
5. Southwest Corner of Parlor
6. View of Northeast Corner of Chimney
(Parlor and Dining Room)
7. Fireplace in Kitchen

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The land on which the Chaffee House now stands was purchased by Dr. Chaffee in 1757 and the house was probably built between 1760 and 1770. No date has been definitely established, but an iron latch on the door of the southwest room has the date 1771 picked into the handle.

Dr. Chaffee was born in Massachusetts in 1731, came to Hartford to establish a druggist's business and pursue his profession as a doctor. Later settling in Windsor, he married Lydia Griswold and they had five children.

A story has been told the present owners of an auction held at the Chaffee House in 1819. A young boy bid off a cracked glass mug which had a metal band around it. The mug broke after a short time and this band was found to be of pure silver. Then, the story came out that the mug was one used by General Washington when he was entertained at dinner at the Chaffee House.

Source of Information: Colonial Dames Series: "Old Houses of Connecticut".

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